

CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS

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Foot paths have been constructed in the park leading the traveler to the different spots of interest in the park. All of the graves have been carefully outlined with rocks, the old breastworks have been restored and paths lead to all of the monuments, and throughout the park area. Thousands of trees have been planted by the enrollees, principally Spruce, hemlock, whitepine and walnut. In time these trees will add much to the scenic beauty of the park.

Within a few weeks, another beauty spot in the park will be open to the public. This is the lookout house on the point east of camp, overlooking the Greenbrier Valley. When completed, this log observation tower will afford visitors the best scenic view in this vicinity.

The system of roads of the park are very well constructed and one can now drive to all of the points of interest, entering one portal and going out the other. All of the work in the park has been done by the CCC boys under the able direction of Supt. Kelley and the following foresters: Bruce Conrad, L. A. Romage Joe McMillion, Charles Hannahan, Arthur Sharp, Joe White, Harry Gura, F. R. Wilfong and H. L. Lilly.

Camp Price and the entire park are always open to visitors, and on weekends or holidays, enrollees will be glad to point out the points of interest, both historical and scenic. If you have not yet visited the park, come and see it.

August 14, 1954

# ON THE JOB



## CANNON BALL TOPS

For the last four issues, the Cannon Ball has received a four star rating in the National CCC paper, Happy Days, thus making it one of the first ten camp papers in the United States. Since the first edition came out last October, the Cannon Ball has never been rated less than three stars.

## MR. WORKMAN TO GO ON VACATION

Mr. Workman, Educational Adviser, has been given an eight day leave of absence starting August 22nd. He will go to Huntington to spend his vacation visiting his family and friends. On the 26th of the month he will go to Columbus, Ohio, to attend a meeting of Fifth Corps Area Educational Advisers. He will return to camp the 1st of Sept.

## LIFE SAVING

### CARDS ARRIVE

Two cards arrived in camp this week with writing on them to signify that their holders had passed the Senior Red Cross Life Saving examination. One of the cards had Olin Riffle's name on it while the other bore Bill Fish's name. Olin was presented with his, but Bill's had to be sent to him, as he had recently gone home to finish his schooling. They took the course at Lake Seneca.

## WHO'S WHO



## GLEN WILLIAMS

Glen "Greasy" Williams was born at Trout, W. Va. February 17th, 1914. He has lived there all his life. "Greasy" graduated from High School in 1933 and entered the CCC in the same year. After a conditioning period at Fort Knox, he was sent to Camp Seneca, coming here with the cadre last July. He has been first cook since he entered camp and he surely knows his onions or that is his cooking. He is the camp baker and his pies and cakes taste just as good as the ones that mother used to make. He is taking a course in Guitar playing, but to hear him once you wouldn't believe that he needs it. Nick Lucas doesn't have a thing on him. His greatest ambition is to play a guitar in an orchestra. A great hand with the girls his interest has been in the town of Buckeye for some time. The Dolmore Brothers are his favorite radio stars.

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# FIRST AID

Paul Campbell was transferred from Huntington to the Station Hospital at Fort Hayes last Saturday. Campbell was suffering with a back ailment.

There have been three lost time accidents so far this month. Bourbon Dean, William Call, and Ira Dean. Call had a bout with a cross cut saw and received the worst end of the encounter, suffering a severe laceration of his right elbow. Ira made a mislick with his ax and cut a gash in his foot. Bourbon bruised himself in the groin while getting off a truck. This is a new high for accidents in any one month in the history of the camp.

With our menus featuring sliced tomatoes quite frequently lately, many boys have reported to the Dispensary with a rash on different parts of their anatomy. They seemed to believe that it was either poison or the itch, but in all cases it turned out to be nothing but the after effects of eating too many tomatoes.

Julian Fawcett has returned from the Station Hospital at Fort Hayes. He now has four brand new store teeth replacing the ones he lost in the softball game at Camp Cranberry. He reported that James Foster's condition remained about the same and that another operation would be necessary.

# DIARY OF COMPANY 2598

BY ED BALLARD

On March 15, 1935, an official letter to the Commanding officer arrived at Camp Seneca, saying that enrollees would be formed in all camps to move on to new camps, as soon as over head could be trained to take their place. They were immediately selected and put to work. The enrollees were in great suspense as to where and when they would move out. It was not until the 25 of July that these orders were received. At that time the enrollees were living in tents across the creek from Seneca, keeping their own records and were already known as Company 2598.

Upon receipt of the orders, great excitement was manifested in the packing of tents, equipment, etc., and the enrollees moved to Droop Mt. July 29, 1935. They arrived about 10 A.M. and immediately started to work building the new camp. A cold lunch had been prepared at Seneca, but that evening they ate their first hot meal in Camp Price. The enrollee personnel was as follows: Captain E.R. Hovary, Commanding officer, Lt. V.A. Merandino, Ed Ballard, Thurman Wright, Odie Clarkson, Glenn Williams, Forest Diel, Bill Fortner, Lawrence Cohonour, Neeson Workman, George Justice, Harold Bostic, Lyndell Harold, Ray Vandover, Tiny Brubett, Mark Pao, Tony Willie, Lonan Williams, John Sawyer, Leonard Poy, Odie Mills, Don Harrison, Leslie Miller and Billie



THE TENT CITY

Matthews.

Lt. Cullipher and Mr. Workman, Educational Adviser arrived the next week.

On August 19, the first group of enrollees arrived in camp, from Kanawha county, and the next day another group came from Mason county. On the 30th 16 local men were employed and another bunch of rookies from Parkersburg arrived giving Price a full company.

Work was now started on the buildings, and it progressed with great rapidity. On the 12 of September, the Mess Hall was completed and the first meal was served indoors. On the 21st of September, the enrollees moved into the barracks. In one month's time a small city had been built.

Work for the state had started on August 19, and the road thru camp was now finished, and the road to State Route 219 was under construction.

On October 5th, three trucks took enrollees to Elkins for the Forest Festival and to see our float win second place.

On October 21, the camp educational program was expanded to include classes in typing and penmanship.

On the same day, the Cannon-Bell, camp paper, made its appearance. On Oct. 25, an amateur night was held. The first of many.

The enrollees were first introduced to the art of fire fighting, on Oct. 28th, when two crews fought fire for two days.

On November 6th, the celebration of the 72 Anniversary of the Battle of Droop Mt. was held. A great number of visitors were present. Nov. 11th. First talkie. Nov. 28th. Turkey dinner. Dec. 19th. Christmas party held in the Rock Hall. 200 guests were present. All of the children were given toys and the ladies were presented handkerchiefs. Refreshments were served at 9:30, and a square dance completed the evening. The next day many enrollees left to spend Christmas at home.

It was during the holidays that Camp Price experienced the worst blizzard in its history. About three feet of snow fell in the space of an hour. An army truck was completely snowed under. The temperature was down to 30 below zero.

After the enrollees returned from Christmas leave, there were times when they did not work for three or four weeks straight because of the sub-zero weather.

On January 12th, the most exciting experience of the company took place. 55 enrollees were transferred from this camp to Black Canyon Siding, Idaho.

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CAMPION BALL

JULY 31, 1936

## MY QUEST FOR LOVE

A TRUE STORY  
BY AN ENROLLEE

I'm leaving the CCC, and the real reason for it is not because I'm going to school or going to get a job - although I'm going to do both, but because of my love life while in the CCC. All of my twenty years of life have been spent searching for the perfect love-pal. Several times I thought that I had found the girl of my dreams, and each time the idol of my heart had feet of clay. I like the CCC and would like to stay in but I feel that if I were not in camp, my love life would have progressed a great deal better.

The first love of my life was Hazel, a lovely brunette. We were childhood sweethearts and this continued all through our high school days. When I left for camp, with tears in her eyes, she promised to be true. And she was for a while. I received letters every day - candy once a week, and I wrote her every night. But then the letters started to get fewer and fewer. I was worried. I didn't know what to think. Then came the news - from my mother, that she was married. I was heart-broken but decided that none should be aware of my broken heart. I was gay and met a girl

in Camelot and gave her a great rush, and for a while was infatuated with her. But I decided that I would not be caught on the rebound, and, as I did not love her, gave her up.

Then I met Mary Frances who lived in Marlinton. She was tall and stately and with her poise and grace, I fell for her hard but soon I discovered that she did not love me and was dating a local boy at the same time.

One week in Durbin, I met a girl named Ruth, who lived in Arbovale; and again I fell madly in love at first sight. I met her when I could - took her to shows and took her to the county fair - again I thought I had found a true love. But alas - her love was not strong. When I came to Price her love grew weaker. Absence does not make the heart grow stronger. Her love for me died when I did not get to see her so often, and she fell for a Seneeca sergeant.

It was months before my poor broken heart was again whole. Then while home for a week end, I met Lib, a beautiful blond who lived in Spanishburg. I thought she was the most beautiful thing I had ever seen. I was madly in love and my love was returned. We wrote daily, and I lived in a castle of dreams - until one dire week-end, I went home to see her and found that my younger brother had beaten my time. The green eyed monster awoke within me, but I decided that she too, was not the girl I was seeking.

So now you know why I am leaving camp. I will go on a crusade into Kentucky seeking the ideal girl. My time in camp is too full for me to spend much time on this quest, so that is why I will seek elsewhere. If I do not find the girl of my dreams there - I will go to school - always hoping that some day my dreams will come true.

Can you find six words below that are incorrectly spelled?

1. calender
2. athletics
3. decieve
4. separate

5. mabeey
6. advance
7. superintendent
8. reccommend

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Camp Black Mountain, Tenn.  
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Camp Black Mountain was dedicated October 12, 1936. At that time CCC 2529 introduced an innovation in the matter of camp openings by raising a flag on a 60 foot pole in the center of its group of buildings and formally presented the camp to the Department of War and Department of Agriculture.

Ground for this camp was broken on August 13 and so rapidly has the work of construction gone along that at that time, thirteen of the proposed fifteen buildings were practically completed.

Located on the beautiful Williams River, ten miles west of Edray, Pocahontas County, the site selected for camp F 15, is ideal from every stand point. The camp is built at an altitude of 3,100 feet at the Black Mountain, which towers 4,600 feet above sea level. Leaving State and Federal Route 219 at Edray the camp is reached over an easily traveled road much of which has been rocked by CCC workers, making the trip through the mountains a very delightful journey. A short distance from the State Highway on the road leading to the camp is located the U. S. Fish Hatchery, which is rated one of the most modern hatcheries in the United States.

Visitors who attended the dedicatory services had an opportunity to inspect the hatchery or enjoy a picnic along the waters of picturesque Williams River. The camp was open for inspection at noon and guides were furnished to show visitors through the quarters of the 230 young men stationed there and get some idea of how they live when not engaged in the work of building roads

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and trails, telephone lines, fire protection, re-forestation and other duties in connection with the varied program which is being carried on by the War Department and Forestry Service.

The attractive buildings are painted a forest green in striking contrast with the brilliant red fire equipment which has been installed. When the new road--Richwood and Marlinton highway is completed to Marlinton, wonderful scenic views will meet the eye of the tourist about six miles from Mill Point the new road is cut through solid rock; The side of a great cliff of rocks is cut away.

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CCC of Camp Price  
CAMP PRICE

*Drop Mountain Battlefield Park*

Camp Price is four miles south of Hillsboro, and fifteen miles south of Marlinton, West Virginia.

The Advance Army detail arrived at the Camp Site on July twenty ninth, 1935. On August nineteenth, 209 CCC enrollees arrived along with the personnel of the State Forest Service.

For the next ten days the enrollees were busy getting acquainted, being inoculated against disease of different kinds, and being introduced to the work and routine of Camp life. After ten days the Camp took on the aspect of a very busy place under the watchful eyes of the Company Commander and the Camp Superintendent the different buildings necessary for a Camp were soon taking form. Today, there are eleven buildings which are used by the Army division of the CCC and nine buildings which are necessary for the forestry work. The Army buildings erected by local skilled labor, but the enrollees have more pride in the Forestry Buildings because a large percentage of the work was done by them.

Excessive rains during the early history of Camp Price, soon made it apparent that a good road must be built into camp. Today, Camp Price is one of the few camps in the state which has a road that has been in perfect condition thru the winter snows and spring thaw. This road has a sound rock base with a top coat of shale and is wide enough for all purposes. Another modern convenience in Camp Price is commercial electricity. To secure this important item one mile of high tension power line has been built.

It is the wish and purpose of the Conservation Commission to make the Drop Mountain Battlefield a historical shrine and public

recreation center. One crew of men has been working toward that end since last September. During that time over four hundred cords of wood have been cut in ridding the park of dead chestnut trees, logs and slashings from a former saw mill operation. The entire wooded part of the park area, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres has been carefully thinned and all deformed, dead and diseased trees have been removed. Over ten thousand tree seedlings have been secured and planted. There is still a large area to be planted. Before all planting of trees is complete, the Conservation Commission intends to have a group of each variety of trees found in West Virginia on the Droop Mountain Park.

To make the beauty of the woodland and historical points of interest accessible to the public, two and one half miles of road has been built. The new road system is so coordinated with route No. 10 that the public can now drive around the entire park area. Massive log entrance portals have been erected at the two points where the park roads intersect the highway. For those who enjoy a walk thru the woods over two miles of foot trail has been constructed. Along these trails can be seen the carefully preserved graves of unknown soldiers.

To lessen the danger of fire, over four miles of fire break has been built around the park.

Not all of the work of Camp Price is confined to the development of the park. Briery Knob, the fourth highest point in West Virginia, and a forest area of over two hundred square miles surrounding it, has no roads or other facilities to aid in fire suppression and other forest and stream improvements. Throughout the entire winter, work has gone steadily forward on the building of a

truck trail to Briery Knob which will eventually connect with a trail being built from Richwood. Four miles of this road has been completed. If the public wishes to view some of the most beautiful scenery in West Virginia, they should drive over this trail during the summer months.

Trying to reach a fire by walking over an unbroken country is hard work and often takes a long time which delays an attack. To help under such conditions a combination horse trail and fire break is being constructed from Briery Knob to the Trout Valley road. Over nine miles of this work has been completed.

No fire suppression program is complete without the advantage of telephone lines. During the winter over three hundred and fifty telephone poles have been cut and prepared for the construction of nineteen miles of telephone line.

We have all seen the destruction of the chestnut trees by blight. Many other trees of our forest are riddled with diseases of different kinds. Twenty thousand acres have been carefully gone over and all diseases eradicated as closely as possible.

Droop Mountain and the surrounding forest was covered with from six inches to four feet of snow for many weeks during the winter of 1935-36. During that time over six hundred pounds of food was distributed to the game birds and other wild life. Regular trips were made to the feeding points and shelters, and the men in charge have been welcomed visitors to hundreds of quail, grouse, and wild turkeys.

The spring flood waters were not high enough to reach Camp Price. However, the Camp did its bit by sending a crew of men and four trucks to Wheeling to aid in the rehabilitation of the flooded district.

Camp 5000 has an excellent corps of Army and Forestry personnel. The commanding officer is Captain Hower; the superintendent is E. G. Leley. They have an ideal Camp and a fine group of enrollees. The welcome sign is always out to the public.

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## CAMP BLACK MOUNTAIN

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Camp Black Mountain was dedicated October 18, 1936. At that time CCC 2589 introduced an innovation in the matter of camp openings by raising a flag on a 60 foot pole in the center of its group of buildings and formally presented the camp to the Department of War and Department of Agriculture.

Ground for this camp was broken on August 13 and so rapidly has the work of construction gone along that at that time, thirteen of the proposed fifteen buildings were practically completed.

Located on the beautiful Williams River, ten miles west of Edray, Pocahontas County, the site selected for camp F 15 is ideal from every stand point. The camp is built at an altitude of 3,100 feet at the Black Mountain, which towers 4,600 feet above sea level. Leaving State and Federal Route 219 at Edray the camp is reached over an easily traveled road much of which has been rocked by CCC workers, making the trip through the mountains a very delightful journey. A short distance from the State Highway on the road leading to the camp is located the U. S. Fish Hatchery, which is rated one of the most modern hatcheries in the United States.

Visitors who attended the dedicatory services had an opportunity to inspect the hatchery or enjoy a picnic along the waters of picturesque Williams River. The camp was open for inspection at noon and guides were furnished to show visitors through the quarters of the 230 young men stationed there and get some idea of how they live when not engaged in the work of building roads

and trails, telephone lines, fire protection, re-forestation and other duties in connection with the varied program which is being carried on by the War Department and Forestry Service.

The attractive buildings are painted a forest green in striking contrast with the brilliant red fire equipment which has been installed. When the new road--Richwood and Marlinton highway is completed to Marlinton, wonderful scenic views will meet the eye of the tourist about six miles from Mill Point the new road is cut through solid rock; The side of a great cliff of rocks is cut away.

State Conservation

Price Canyon Park  
Droop Mountain

A mimeographed copy of  
The "Cannon Ball" dated July 31, 1936

An interesting account of the  
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# WILDERNESS BECOMES PARK

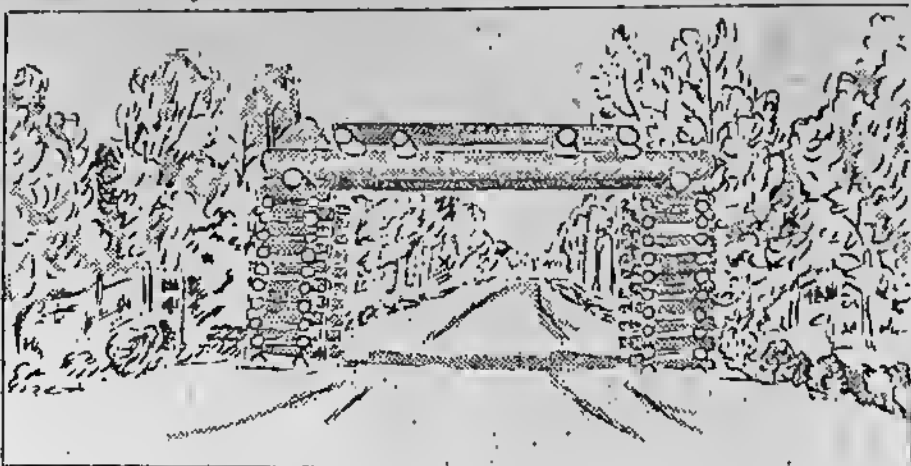
## BOYS DO GREAT WORK IN YEAR

One year ago Droop Mountain Battlefield was a wilderness. There were a few monuments and graves, that for many years had been neglected. Two small signs along the road were all that told travelers that an important Civil War battle had been fought here.

On July 29, 1935 a CCC Company, 2598, located here and within a few weeks, there was a great change. This change is still going on. Some of the work has been completed but a great deal more is yet to be done.

When travelers now go along Route # 219, and get near the Battle Field, they first notice the beautiful log fence, that outlines the park. As they drive on down the road, the log portals are seen. We think they are the most beautiful entrances to a CCC camp in the state. Good roads lead through these portals and first, the picnic area. This area has been cleared of underbrush, but all of nature's beauty has been left. Picnic tables, benches, ovens, and toilets have been constructed throughout the park area. All of these improvements have been built out of material of local origin.

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"THE PORTALS"  
ENTRANCE TO DROOP MOUNTAIN BATTLEFIELD

within a short distance of the fire tower and to all of the glory and beauty that nature has so bountifully bestowed upon our state, especially in this section. From the tower on Briery Knob, one can see all of the surrounding country and even some distance into the state of Virginia.

Foot paths have been constructed in the park leading the traveler to the different spots of interest in the park. All of the graves have been carefully outlined with rocks, the old breastworks have been restored, and paths lead to all of the monuments, and throughout the park area.

Thousands of trees have been planted by the enrollees, principally spruce, hemlock, white-pine, and walnut. In time these trees will add much to the scenic beauty of the park.

Within a few weeks, another beauty spot in the park will be open to the public. This is the

lookout house on the point east of camp, overlooking the Greenbrier Valley. When completed, this log observation tower will afford visitors the best scenic view in this vicinity.

The system of roads of the park are very well constructed and one can now drive to all of the points of interest, entering one portal and going out the other.

All of the work in the park has been done by the CCC boys under the able direction of Supt. Kelley and the following foresters: Bruce Conrad, L.A. Remago, Joe McMillion, Charles Hanrahan, Arthur Sharp, Joe White, Harry Gum, F. H. Wilfong and M. L. Lilly.

Camp Price and the entire park are always open to visitors, and on weekends or holidays, enrollees will be glad to point out the points of interest, both historical and scenic. If you have not yet visited the park, come and see it.



# SPORTS



## SWIMMING CLASS STARTED THIS WEEK FISH AND RIFFLE ARE INSTRUCTORS

30 ENROLLED

A swimming class was started this week, with Bill Fish, Olin Riffle and Mr. Workman as instructors. Thirty are enrolled in the class which meets twice each week.

The class is for those who can't swim at all or can swim very little. The class has been making fine progress and it is expected that before the summer is over, every boy in camp will know how to swim. Those who progress readily will be taught the more complicated strokes. All of the boys will be taught the dog-paddle, back and side-strokes.

A class in the crawl stroke, for advanced swimmers, will be started next Saturday afternoon. This class will also have some life saving instruction.

### PRICE ALL STARS BEAT CANNONS 7-6

The Price All-Stars, composed of members of the baseball team, defeated the Cannons in a softball game at Millersburg, last week. The final score was 7-6. In the 11th inning, the Price All-Stars, made the winning run to win the game 7-6.

## SPORT BRIEFS

### CROWNS OPEN

With Lyndell Harold leaving camp, three of the camp championships will again be open to all comers, namely - pool, ping-pong and checkers. Just who will become the champ in these indoor sports will probably not be decided before fall when indoor sports are again in season.

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### VOLLEY BALL FAVORITE SPORT

Volley ball has become the favorite sport for many enrollees. Ever evening a large crowd is playing and a still larger crowd watching. No. 1 Barrack boys claim that they have the best team in camp, but Rookie Hughes is a big addition to any team. Littleton, Riffle, Morrison, Jividen & Bennett are all good.

A league of volley ball teams will be formed in the near future and a regular schedule of games will be played to determine the best team of the camp.

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## LEWIS SWAMPS CANNONS 18-5

Camp Lewis last Saturday swamped the Cannons in the last sector softball game of the season, 18-5. The Cannons were scoreless until the 6th inning.

Green, playing short field for the visitors, played one of the best games seen this season. He collected 3 hits, one a home run and made two sensational catches.

The box score is as follows:

CAMP LEWIS	AB	R	H	E
Chapman, 1b	3	2	1	1
Duff, 2b	5	4	4	1
Taylor, 1f	5	3	0	0
Green, sf	5	2	3	0
Ray, rf	5	1	1	0
Bragg, p	3	1	0	0
Brady, p	2	1	0	1
Fury, ss	4	2	1	1
Wissinger, cf	4	1	0	0
Steinbeck, c	2	1	1	0
Coberly, 3b	3	0	0	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	

CAMP PRICE	AB	R	H	E
Morrison, c	4	1	1	0
Ambrose, 2b	3	0	0	0
Brown, 1f	3	1	0	0
Jividen, 1b	3	0	1	1
Alt, ss	5	0	0	4
Riffle, sf	5	0	0	0
R. Johnson, 3b	5	0	2	1
Lockhart, rf	5	1	0	0
Bartram, cf	3	1	0	1
J. Johnson, p	3	1	0	0
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# DIARY OF COMPANY 2598

(CONTINUED FROM  
LAST ISSUE)

In the last issue we told how the cadre was formed and the camp was built. The diary now goes on in detail.

On January 12th, the most exciting experience of the company took place 55 enrollees were transferred to Black Canyon Siding, Idaho. All boys were given the opportunity to go. About 100 decided to sign up. From this number the 55 were selected. It was a touching scene. Many of the boys had been in camp together for a long time and quite a few tears were shed when they came to the parting of ways.

Mr. Cullipher the camp surgeon, was transferred to Keala on January 25th, and Mr. Tillman, of Black Mountain, began his daily visits to Camp Price.

During March the camp basketball tournament was held. 24 of the camps best players took part, and Lyndell Harold was the winner. During March the pool tables were purchased and the Recreation Hall began to take on a real appearance. During the last week of March, several men were sent from the camp to help with the flood relief in flooding.

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fluenza, when 59 enrollees had serious colds, several of which developed into pneumonia. Three of our members died, Harlan Ramsey, Willard Addington, and Earl Cains. The quarantine was lifted after 12 days, amid much rejoicing.

On April 15th, Camp Price was transferred from the Marlinton Sector to the Lewisburg Sector.

On May 6th, Lyndell Harold won the camp Pool tournament, with Bill Harris as runner up.

Thirty boys took the examination for Junior Assistant to Technician, on May 16th.

By the last of May, the picnic area was finished, and many visitors came to the park to see it.

During May, a soft and base ball team was organized and played a schedule of games with other teams in the sector. Price won 3 and lost 7, both in soft and base ball. But during June and July, the soft ball team lost all its games. The boys had a very good time.

although they did not win all of their games, they did enjoy visiting the other camps.

During the winter, due to an economy program, there were no trucks for recreation. The first of June this order was canceled, and there was much rejoicing as trucks again went to town on Wednesday and Saturday nights.

On July 30th, Lt. Herendino, who had been with the company since its inception, was transferred to Clarksburg, and Lt. Staub was assigned to Co. 2598.

On August 1, the first anniversary celebration was held. Several hundred visitors were at camp for dinner, and many more came during the afternoon to hear the speeches and to take a truck trip up Briery Knob to see the Fire Tower and the road that enrollees had built.

Dances were held that night. Number 2 barracks gaily decorated, held the round dance, and square dancing was done in the Recreation Hall. All had a very good time.

# ON THE JOB



## CANNON BALL TOPS

For the last four issues, the Cannon Ball has received a four star rating in the National CCC paper, Happy Days, thus making it one of the first ten camp papers in the United States. Since the first edition came out last October, the Cannon Ball has never been rated less than three stars.

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## MR. WORKMAN TO GO

### ON VACATION

Mr. Workman, Educational Adviser, has been given an eight day leave of absence starting August 22nd. He will go to Huntington to spend his vacation visiting his family and friends. On the 28th of the month he will go to Columbus, Ohio, to attend a meeting for Fifth Corps Area Educational Advisers. He will return to camp the 1st of Sept.

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## LIFE SAVING

### CARDS ARRIVE

Two cards arrived in camp this week with writing on them to signify that their holders had passed the Senior Red Cross Life Saving examination. One of the cards had Olin Bissler's name on it while the other bore Bill Dick's name. Olin was friends with him, but Bill's name was sent to him. He is now ready to finish his training. May be the next to go.

## WHO'S WHO



## GLEN WILLIAMS

Glen "Greasy" Williams was born at Trout, W. Va. February 17th, 1914. He has lived there all his life. "Greasy" graduated from High School in 1933 and entered the CCC in the same year. After a conditioning period at Fort Knox, he was sent to Camp Seneca, coming here with the cadre last July. He has been first cook since he entered camp and he surely knows his onions or that is his cooking. He is the camp baker and his pies and cakes taste just as good as the ones that mother used to make. He is taking a course in Guitar playing, but to hear him once you wouldn't believe that he needs it. Nick Lyons doesn't have a thing on him. His greatest ambition is to play a guitar in an orchestra. A great hand with the girls his interest has been in the town of Buckeye for some time. The Dolmore Brothers are his favorite radio stars.

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## FIRST AID NEWS

Paul Campbell was transferred from Marlinton to the Station Hospital at Fort Hayes last Saturday. Campbell was suffering with a back ailment.

There have been three lost time accidents so far this month. Bourbon Dean, William Call, and Ira Dean. Call had a bout with a cross cut saw and received the worst end of the encounter, suffering a severe laceration of his right elbow. Ira made a mislick with his ax and cut a gash in his foot. Bourbon bruised himself in the groin while getting off a truck. This is a new high for accidents in any one month in the history of the camp.

With our menus featuring sliced tomatoes quite frequently lately, many boys have reported to the Dispensary with a rash on different parts of their anatomy. They seemed to believe that it was either the poison or the itch, but in all cases it turned out to be nothing but the after effects of eating too many tomatoes.

Julian Fawcett has returned from the Station Hospital at Fort Hayes. He now has four brand new store tooth replacing the ones he lost in the soft ball game at Camp Cranberry. He reported that James Foster's condition remained about the same and that another operation would be necessary.

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in Cameltown and gave her a great rush, and for a while was infatuated with her. But I decided that I would not be caught on the rebound, and, as I did not love her, gave her up.

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One week in Durbin, I met a girl named Ruth, who lived in Arborealee and again I fell madly in love at first sight. I met her when I could - took her to shows and took her to the county fair - again I thought I had found a true love. But alas - her love was not strong. When I came to price her love grow weaker. Absence does not make the heart grow stronger. Her love for me died when I did not get to see her so often, and she fell for a Seneca sergeant.

It was months before my poor broken heart was again whole. Then while home for a week end, I met Lib, a beautiful blond who lived in Spanishburg. I thought she was the most beautiful thing I had ever seen. I was madly in love and my love was returned. We wrote daily, and I lived in a castle of dreams - until one fine week-end, I went home to see her and found that my younger brother had beaten my time. The green eyed monster arose within me, but I decided that she too, was not the girl I was seeking.

So now you know why I am leaving camp. I will go on a crusade into Kentucky seeking the ideal girl. My time in camp is too full for me to spend much time on this quest, so that is why I will seek elsewhere. If I do not find the girl of my dreams there - I will go to school - always hoping that some day my dreams will come true.

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Hella F. Yeager

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By Ranger, W. A. Medesy  
U. S. Forest Service

As most of the readers of the Times know, there are being established in Pocahontas County several new CCC camps to increase and carry on the excellent work done by the existing camps during the past two years. When both old and new camps are brought up to "full strength" e. i. approximately 200 men per camp, Pocahontas County will probably have the highest CCC population of any county in the state.

Of the seven new camps under way at present, four will have programs of work on the Monongahela National Forest under the direction of the United States Forest Service as represented by the District Rangers and their personnel on each of the three districts which administer lands within the county. Camp Thornwood near Durbin, which is being increased from a side camp to full strength will carry out construction and maintenance of forest roads, trails and telephone lines and forest fire control on the Greenbrier District under the supervision of Ranger Maule. Camp Woodrow on the Williams River will carry out similar work on the Gauley District, under the supervision of Ranger Varney at Richwood.

On the White Sulphur District in charge of Ranger Medesy at Marlinton, new camps are being located at Frost and at Rimel. A third new camp on the White Sulphur District is to be located near Beola in Greenbrier County. One of the principal work projects of each of these new camps will be the construction of the Allegheny Motorway. This road when completed will extend from



Durbin to White Sulphur Springs along the top of the Allegheny<sup>2</sup> Mountain and will create a scenic route unexcelled in West Virginia. In addition it will furnish means of rapid access to all parts of the mountain when fire threatens the forest. Work is to start on this project as soon as the new CCC's are put through a brief period of conditioning after their arrival in camp.

Fire Stations and reforestation work will continue in this part. From the beginning the CCC has judged its projects for their social and economic value, said the congressman. Improvement of forests and parks, reduction of loss from forest fires, insects, tree diseases, halting of soil wastage by erosion, development of public recreational areas, flood control, and conservation of wild life.

The boys in the camps have an opportunity to study and receive special competent instruction in stone masonry, surveying, forestry, terracing, road building, electrical work, project management, agriculture, auto repair, carpentry, cooking, mechanical drawing, radio servicing, and plane surveying. The foresight of President Roosevelt has given them a new lease on life, said Congressman Edmiston.